

## ADVOCACY POLICY

### PURPOSE

To provide a framework and guidelines for PWRDF, its directors, members, employees, and agents when undertaking advocacy activities that seek to effect policy change, educate our constituency and display solidarity with partners.

### APPLICATION

This policy applies to all PWRDF directors, members, employees, and agents who undertake advocacy activities at the request of PWRDF.

### POLICY

PWRDF will

- advocate on issues that relate primarily to its strategic plan
- carry out advocacy activities that are supported by evidence-based research and by due diligence
- seek to advocate in ways that respect the dignity of all people, are non-partisan, and non-violent
- in consultation with partners, advocate for changes that benefit the most affected and the least privileged
- in its advocacy, be forthright in telling the truth to those who have the power to effect direct change, and to our constituency

### DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this policy the definitions are as follows

**Advocacy** Representation to those in government, the corporate sector, the Church, and our constituency, with a view to change or create a law, policy, or decision.

**Partners** Those individuals and organizations overseas and in Canada with whom PWRDF collaborates.

**Evidence-based research** The use of current best objective evidence gathered by PWRDF, its partners, and like-minded organizations that forms the basis for positions and policies on which PWRDF determines there is a need to advocate.

**Due diligence** Action taken to ensure that proposed advocacy is assessed for risk and measured against, and found to be consistent with, existing PWRDF and Anglican Church of Canada policy positions.

**Non-partisan** Free from political party affiliation, bias, or designation.

### AMENDMENT

This policy may be amended by the PWRDF Board.

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